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The Society welcomes reports of unusual phenomena. These are evaluated on their own merits and if requested are kept in the strictest confidence.

The Society exchanges information with similar Australian and overseas organisations, as well as scientists, and disseminates to the public information on local, interstate and overseas developments in its quarterly publication, the "Australian U.F.O. Bulletin", which is posted to all members.

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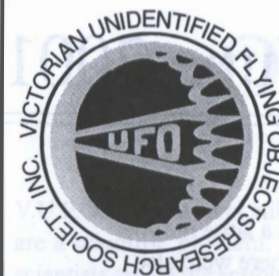
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When this Society was formed in 1957, there was a large number of organisations all over the world with whom we kept in touch. There were also quite a few people in the investigative field calling on us during their overseas trips. It was an exciting time as we met representatives who had only been names till then, and from whom we learned much regarding similarities in reports and comparisons between their style of investigation.

It is saddening to learn that some of these organisations (and individuals) have now faded from the picture, but it is also encouraging to know that due to the internet and other mediums, we can still hopefully keep in touch with them. It is unfortunate that the subject has also, to some extent, come into disrepute because of individuals who make the most of their imaginations, whether it is for notoriety or monetary reasons is unknown, but it is obvious they are paid for their stories.

At the moment UFO reports seem to be in a "low" which is not an uncommon situation, but these times give the dedicated researchers the opportunity to go back through the history of the subject. During these periods we find that many of the news-stands "glossy" publications have floundered and disappeared and that only those published by the genuinely interested UFO groups remain.

We are grateful that members have retained their support of VUFORS and without any solicitation have made donations, helping the Society to retain a satisfactory level. We will continue to maintain our principals in writing and investigation, co-operating with other surviving organisations on a reciprocal basis.

We appreciate the loyalty and assistance of our members.



ELECTION NOTICE — 2001.

At our General Meeting to be held on 3rd September 2001, when a new Committee will either be declared or elected.

All nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper, must also be signed by a nominator, and seconder, who together with the nominee, must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in hands of the Secretary, NO LATER than the 16th July, 2001.



V.U.F.O.R.S. has, and still is claiming that UFO's are a scientific problem. Slowly but surely more scientists are taking serious interest in this problem.

During my forty-seven years on the UFO trail I have noted this gradual change. Some examples follow.

While in the United States during April and May 1967, I visited Jacques Vallee to discuss UFO activities in Australia, as well as learning something of the problem in France. Next day, I flew to Colorado where I had been invited to meet with members of the Condon Project, where I learned that Dr. Condon had only twice visited his staff of researchers who were analyzing the investigated reports. Dr. Condon was not interested in their results, he was receiving advice from elsewhere.

While visiting with the project staff, a call came from Vallee, that Dr. J. Allen Hynek requested me to return to Chicago, where I had missed him when visiting Vallee. This request from the Chief Civilian Consultant for the US Air Force, who had been studying UFO files - a sceptic at first, was changing his opinion to a more scientific approach.

Due to my commitments already made with Professor James McDonald, at the University of Arizona, during which time I gave examples of sightings in Australia and made arrangements for him to visit Australia. It was encouraging to learn another scientist was taking serious interest in the study. His visit to Australia making follow-up interviews with witnesses of cases sifted by VUFORS is covered in earlier VUFORS

publications.

After a three-day visit with McDonald, I flew back to Chicago for another visit with Vallee and a first visit with Hynek. During this visit Dr. Hynek remarked that he would eventually come to Australia, which he did in 1973. VUFORS arranged the prestigious Dallas Brooks Hall for his lecture and sale of his book as well as meetings with witnesses of major cases in this country.

This included a visit to meet the Rev. Gill for the first time, concerning the New Guinea Case of 1959.

During my visit to the U.S. in 1979, I was requested to visit an interested group of scientists at the Stanford University headed by Dr. Peter Sturrock primarily to answer questions

concerning the Frederick Valentich encounter. This meeting took place at the University with seven scientists, including Dr. Richard F Haines who was associated with NASA and Stanford University.

Dr. Sturrock later founded The Society of Scientific Exploration and now publishes The Journal of the same name. This Journal was established to provide a professional forum for presentation, criticism and debate concerning topics which are for various reasons, ignored or studied inadequately within Mainstream Science.

Dr. Sturrock has now written a book titled, The UFO Enigma, a new review of the physical evidence, the first major scientific inquiry since The Condon Report. {Warner books Inc. 1271 The

..UFOs are a scientific problem.

Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020 USA} He disagrees with the Condon Conclusion that *"nothing has come from the study of UFO's in the last twenty years, that has added to scientific knowledge and further study cannot be justified, that science will not be advanced by further study"*.

One of the statements, Sturrock makes of the Condon report, is that little of what he writes makes reference to the work of staff and what he does write about is that staff's work is misleading. The more Sturrock studied the Conclusions, the more his curiosity was aroused. At about the same time it occurred to Sturrock that at least some scientists might be more interested in reports coming from non-scientists. With the encouragement of Dr. J. Kuettner, Sturrock decided to carry out a survey of the memberships of the San Francisco Chapter of the AIAA. His report on the survey was published in the monthly Journal of the AIAA.

The Council of American Astronomical Society gave him permission to carry out the survey of the Society of AAS members concerning the UFO problem.

Result of the survey is one of the most outstanding indications that the trend is increasing. More scientists are treating UFO's as serious and scientific. The response to the survey was 52 percent of the membership replied. He was also surprised that there were only a few rude remarks about his activity and many more that were encouraging.

It was notable that response to his questions about whether the UFO problem deserves scientific study, 23 percent replied certainly, 30 percent probably and 23 percent replied possibly, 7 percent probably not and 3 percent certainly not.

Certainly the response was more positive than negative, contrary to his expectations. The AAS response to one of his questions had a major influence on his subsequent thinking, as part of his questionnaire he asked if the reader would like to obtain more information about the UFO problem,

and if so in what form. He found that 75 percent of the respondents wished to obtain more information only in the form of Journal Articles. Very few scientists are interested in reading tabloids or fictional publications.

Since his earlier report on the Colorado Project was much longer than the Condon report and after he had learned other scientists had submitted UFO related articles which had been turned down Sturrock met Dr. Robert G. Jahn, Professor of Aeronautics and Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Princeton University, Jahn had begun a series of experiments on consciousness interaction with the material world. Dr. Jahn found that scientific journals were just as resistant to publishing articles in this field of research as they were to publishing articles related to the UFO question. Jahn therefore strongly urged Dr. Sturrock to move forward in organizing a new Society and a new Journal.

With Jahn's good advice, Sturrock soon found himself working with a number of scientists in setting up a founding committee for what is now known as the Society for Scientific Exploration. I was surprised to see the names of scientists whom I had met before and who, at that time had not gone public. One of these was Dr. Bart Bok at Mt. Stromlo Observatory whom I was asked to check out his sighting of an object seen from the Observatory. Dr. Bok is now professor of Astronomy at the University of Arizona. Most of the founding Committee are Professors at various Universities throughout the United States.

The Society encourages investigations for several reasons.

"1. To the research scientists we commend the intellectual challenge of explaining away an apparent anomaly or seizing the new knowledge presented by a new one"

"2. To student scientists, we point out that science does not begin with the text book, it begins with the unknown and ends with textbooks"

"3. To the non-scientist we acknowledge that deep public interest in some of these topics calls for unprejudiced evaluation based objective research"

"4. To the policy makers we point out that today's anomaly may become tomorrow's technology.

The book goes into more detail criticizing the Condon Project than Dr. David Saunders book titled "UFO's Yes Where the Condon Project went wrong"

Sturrock comments that much of the 'Condon Conclusions' *"reads as if it had been produced in an Air Force office. Very little of what he writes makes reference to the work of the Project staff and what they write about his staff is misleading"*

It is notable that critical reviews came from those scientists who had actually carried out research in the UFO area whereas the laudable reviews came from scientists who had not carried out such research.

One of the statements Condon makes in his Conclusions, reads like he is trying to leave himself a loophole in case he is wrong *"where secrecy is known to exist, one can never be absolutely sure he knows the complete truth"*.

For those researchers who are more interested in investigations instead of speculation this book should be in your library.

Peter A Sturrock studied mathematics at Cambridge University, England with a three-year interruption, 1943-1946 to work on radar. He was awarded the University's Rayleigh Prize for Mathematics Research Work on Electron Physics carried out at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge and at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington.

Sturrock subsequently pursued research in Nuclear Physics as Harwell Research Fellow at the Atomic Energy Establishment, England; research on Plasma Physics at Jahn's College, Cambridge, research on Microwave tubes as Research

Associate in the Microwave Laboratory at Stanford University and research on Accelerator Physics as Ford Foundation Fellow at the European Nuclear Research (CERN) Geneva. Sturrock made a number of inventions, one of them being a microwave tube that operates on a principal subsequently rediscovered and renamed "the free electron laser".

Sturrock was appointed Professor of Engineering Sciences and Applied Physics in the School of Engineering and the Physics Department at Stanford University in January 1961, but subsequently transferred to become Professor of Space Science and Astrophysics in the Applied Physics Department. His teaching duties ended in 1998, and he now spends full time on research. Sturrock was Chair of the Founding Committee of the Institute for Plasma Research, and served as Director from 1964-74 and from 1980-83, He subsequently served as Chair of the Founding Committee of the Center for Space Sciences and Astrophysics. He also served as Chair of the Committee that established the Stanford Lockheed Institute for Astrophysical and Space Research since 1961, he has worked primarily on Plasma Physics, Solar Physics and Astrophysics. His recent Monograph plasma Physics, an Introduction to the theory of Astrophysical, Geographical and Laboratory Plasma, is based on a graduate level course that he has taught at Stanford for over twenty years.

Sturrock is a member of the American Astronomical Society, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also a member of the Society for Scientific Exploration and has served as President since its formation in 1982. He also received a prize for his research into Gravity in 1977.

His fellow researchers represent every known scientific field.

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Anomalous Aerial Phenomena National Reporting
Center Holds Technical Meeting

Boulder Creek, CA - March 6, 2001 The executive and research support staff of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP) met in February to discuss strategies for responding to sighting reports received from pilots, radar controllers, and air traffic controllers. Twenty individuals met in Palo Alto on February 17th to draw up detailed plans for collecting and analyzing technical information on anomalous aerial phenomena received from members of the nation's aviation community. NARCAP staff and advisors present at the meeting represented disciplines such as aerodynamics, meteorology, information technology, piloting and flight instruction, engineering, air traffic control, astrophysics, human factors, data management, science journalism, and others and attended from as far away as Paris.

Brian E. Smith, Chief of NASA's Aviation Safety Program Office at Ames Research Center and meeting participant stated, "NARCAP appears to be taking a serious, objective look at all forms of unexplained aerial phenomena that may affect aviation safety. Their charter ranges from research into heretofore unknown processes related to atmospheric physics and geophysical events. NARCAP also investigates legitimate pilot

reports of objects that have unconventional appearance and flight characteristics. I find it intriguing that some of these objects have also produced inexplicable effects on avionics systems of conventional aircraft according to a number of anecdotal reports."

"With many of our specialists residing in different parts of the country and the world, this meeting provided an opportunity to develop the relationships needed for interdisciplinary research collaboration," remarked Bradley Sauer, NARCAP computer support consultant.

Several technical presentations were made at the NARCAP meeting by Research Associates and other specialists. One was on "Chemtrails," short for chemical trails. This interesting, if odd, aerial phenomenon has been seen and photographed in several nations around the world and many times in America over the past several years. "It may be important that they do not dissipate as normal contrails do," said Clifford Carnicom, an investigator from Sante Fe. "NARCAP does not take any public position on Chemtrails nor their possible threat to U.S. aviation safety, however, because we do not yet have enough information to come to any conclusions," remarked Dr. Richard Haines, NARCAP's Chief Scientist. "But if and when we discover any positive evidence of this nature we will make it available immediately to all interested parties."

Other technical presentations reviewed topics directly or indirectly related to aviation safety such as aircrew reports of transient and permanent electromagnetic effects occurring on foreign and domestic aircraft that are directly related to the presence of nearby UAP.

Participant Bradley Sauer said, "The importance of maintaining confidentiality in the course of our event analyses is key to our credibility and mission. This emphasis was reinforced in the rules and procedures that were distributed and discussed at the meeting. It also was noted that this is the reason we do not provide for submittal of NARCAP's

reporting forms through our web site. These steps will go a long way in preserving the integrity of our event processing."

Discussing the future of NARCAP, Dr. Haines said, "We have a long way to go before we receive full endorsement for our work by the aviation community. This is because military, private, and commercial pilots have faced almost half a century of ridicule when they do report their unusual and often unexplained sightings. This ridicule has only acted to further restrict the flow of high quality data that scientists need to make sense out of these aerial phenomena. NARCAP has made it possible for radar operators, air traffic controllers, and pilots to report their sightings to us in a confidential manner that not only protects their identities but, at the same time, provides the much needed data that is required for serious analyses."

"Everyone felt that our meeting was a great success," reported Ted Roe, Executive Director of NARCAP. "They had a great opportunity to get to know one another better and to exchange their views on aviation safety as it's impacted by various unidentified aerial phenomena that aviation personnel already have begun to report to us."

LIGHTS GLOW ON MOON

Astronomers regularly report they observe various lights on the moon. French astronomer Audouin Dollfus of the Observatoire de Paris claims to have witnessed clouds of dancing lights inside the 136 km across Langrenus Crater in 1992 with a 39-inch Meudon telescope. It has taken until now to publish his findings. On 30 December, he noticed a series of glows on the floor of the large crater Langrenus. They were definitely not there the day before. Professor Dollfus observed them for several days before they faded. Each time he returned to the telescope he noticed that the shape of the glows had changed. He believes that the glows are due to escaping gas that lifts dust above the lunar surface into sunlight. Some lunar observers have expressed surprise that such a mist should have been seen above Langrenus, which was not regarded as a prime candidate for lunar changes. Thanks to BBC News Online science editor Dr. David Whitehouse.

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Plane Buzzed by UFO

From: The APRO Bulletin, September-October 1967

On the same night of an incident involving the bedroom-invading "little man" in Caracas, a Bolivian Air Force Captain, Samuel Sanguaza, piloted an aircraft on the La Paz, Lima, Miami route and along with other crew members watched an unconventional flying object for 15 minutes as it maneuvered around the aircraft.

The object was a bright light "about the size of a truck headlight," which turned from red to orange to blue. Oscar Guevara, the first to spot the UFO, said that it occasionally bobbed up and down." He called the object to the attention of the other crewmen. Sanguaza called the Lima International Airport Control Tower and when the Tower informed them that there was no other traffic. "the longest 15 minutes of our lives began," Sanguaza said. The light maneuvered around the plane for 15 minutes where upon it zipped off into the sky and disappeared from sight.

Bell-shaped Object Paces Plane

From: The APRO Bulletin, January-February 1968

An object described by the viewer as a "flattened bell-shaped object" flew wing with a pilot for a period of 5 to 6 minutes on November 26, 1967. The pilot was 46 air miles east of El Cajon, California when the object first appeared, and it left when he was 70 miles east of the city. He had taken off from Gillespie Field in El Cajon at 3:20 p.m. and was cruising at 140 miles per hour. The sky was cloudy and the pilot climbed above the clouds where visibility was very good. The object was first sighted at between 4,000 and 5,000 feet and it stayed at this altitude for 2 to 3 minutes off the right wingtip of his plane, then it pulled away toward the east. When it pulled away it went up to "at least 7,000 feet." The pilot tried to follow it and climbed to 7,000 feet but it outdistanced him. The pilot, who said the object glowed an orange-red color, said he estimated it was 30-40 feet in diameter and between 10 and 20 feet thick.

1967 Landing in Colorado

From: The APRO Bulletin, March-April 1969

A UFO landed about one mile east of Texas Creek, Colorado on August 27, 1967 at 11:20 p.m. The main witness was Kenneth Flack, a student at SCSC. Flack noticed two other cars on the road ahead of him. When he started to overtake them, his engine went dead and the lights went out. This happened also to the other cars. All the passengers got out of their vehicles and spotted an oval object between them and the Arkansas River. Flack decided to investigate, as he had always been a disbeliever in

UFOs. The moon was bright and the object could be clearly seen. It was described as "egg-shaped." It was supported on the ground by three "legs."

He started to walk towards the river to get closer to the object and when he was about half way "it rotated on the legs about a quarter of a turn." The back end of the object raised-up on an angle and he saw a bright flash. The witness then felt unable to proceed; in fact, he felt quite paralyzed and could only stand and watch. As he stood there, and the other witnesses observed from the highway, the object raised up slowly and headed north at a slow rate. It did not light up or make any sound and the witness claims he saw the "legs" retract into the underside of the object.

As the object was lost from sight. Flack became unconscious and the other witnesses carried him back to the cars, where they were able to revive him. However, he was still in a state of shock and one of the other drivers took him back to the college dorm.

Object Over Illinois Farm

From: The APRO Bulletin, November-December 1970

Arthur J. Epstein and Joseph Gurney were the field investigators in the following incident that took place at 4:15 a.m. on October 5, 1970, on a dairy farm one mile east of Walsh, Illinois.

The farmer had turned on the lights that illuminate the yard where the cows stand before going into the milking shed. The yard is covered with concrete. He walked over to put some feed in a feed box about fifty feet from a sixty-five-foot high silo. He glanced up to see a light beam in a circular shape that had a red, fuzzy "neon" look. It appeared to have fog around it. At first he thought it was the moon but then remembered that there was no moon that night. There was a beam of light like a searchlight which appeared as one line going from top right to bottom left, right through the center of the red circular light. The whole sighting lasted about two to three minutes. Toward the end of it, a third beam of light, which was focused directly on the farmer for about three seconds, seemed to come from the center bottom of the UFO. He said he was standing in a circle of light about four feet in diameter. He could see the sides of the beam were perfectly straight. There were no other colored lights or moving lights. No sound accompanied the sighting and the cattle were not disturbed.

The UFO disappeared from sight by fading out. It had been about 25-30 feet above a tree that measured about 75 feet high. The farmer compared the object to the size of a volleyball held at arm's length. It was noted that five cows were on the other side of a three-strand electric fence, on strand of which was broken. No one was able to ascertain how the cows had gotten to that side of the fence.

Mexican UFO Seen From Control Tower

From: The APRO Bulletin, September-October 1971

A strange luminous object was observed for 15 minutes by officials and tower operators at La Manga Airport, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Reports say that the crew and passengers of a Mexicana airliner flying in the vicinity also saw the object. Alfonso Molina Elias, chief of the control tower said the object remained stationary in the sky about 15 miles northeast of the airport at an altitude of 3,500 feet.

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WHITE ROCK -- The witness looked out of her window around midnight and saw a bright white diamond-shaped light traveling south to north on August-21, 2000. She was looking west. As soon as she saw it a car alarm went off across the street! She turned away from the window and next she knew it was 1:00, it seems that she had somehow lost an hour. Thanks to: UFO*BC <http://www.ufobc.org> and Gavin McLeod

The UFO Enigma - Oct 2000

CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA SIGHTINGS

LAKE COWICHAN -- On August 3, 2000, between 11:00 PM and 1:00 AM three persons witnessed reoccurring UFO sightings. The witness reports, "At first there was only one that we all saw and it moved in a triangular pattern for about half of an hour moving fast then slow, but always in the same triangle shape." The object was dim and then bright all of the sudden and repeated this the entire time. We saw along the horizon just above the tops of the trees about a dozen UFOs. It was hard to count because they moved so fast, almost dancing with each other. During this time there were numerous shooting stars with a huge bright flashes that flew in the exact direction to the spot where we observed the UFOs. The UFO's were red, green, blue and orange. Most had like a blue/green tracer that followed it. These must have been UFOs since I have never seen anything move in such sporadic directions as these did. They could move across our entire field of vision in a split second and then be right back where we first spotted them."

PITT LAKE -- The witness and two companions were occupying a cabin on August 4, 2000, when they spotted a bright white light that suddenly "appeared" without warning at 10:55 PM. Larger than any star or satellite they had ever seen previously. The light appeared in the Southwest and traveled slowly and erratically to the Northwest before fading from sight.

VANCOUVER ISLAND -- A woman was on her sundeck on August 7, 2000, looking westward when she observed a shiny ball-like object that seemed to be reflecting sunlight at 4:30 PM. It was flying towards Powell River at normal speed for a commercial aircraft. She watched it for several minutes as it flew above Harwood Island. She could see it fairly clearly and was sure it was not a normal aircraft. She called for her son to come out and have a look. That was when it stopped, appeared to reverse its course, climbed at an incredible speed and disappeared in a matter of 3 to 5 seconds.

PROCTOR FERRY -- On August 17, 2000, the witnesses two dogs woke up and wanted to go out at 11:30 PM, when she saw an object with red, blue and green flickering lights around the top. Calling her partner out they watched the object move up, down, left and right without any noise. The dogs normally stay asleep all night. After twenty minutes it headed off and landed on the nearby mountain top. Its lights went out, came back on and then went out again. The witness stated there have been lots of sightings in Proctor and over Kootenay Lake.

SURREY -- The witness was driving her truck along 96th Avenue on August-21, 2000 in, heading west towards Scott Road at 10:50 PM, when she suddenly saw a bright light "appear" on her left, traveling quickly at 500 to 1000 feet. She thought at first it was a plane about to crash. It was heading north and had red and green lights on it. She had it in view for no longer than 20 seconds before it disappeared from view behind some trees.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE -- On August-21, 2000, we saw a spectacular fireball come down over the south island. The fireball was some distance to the west, over the hills, fairly close to the horizon at 10:52 PM. The center of the fireball was green, and it left a bright, glowing yellow tail. At one point it flared brightly as if it had partly exploded, and then several pieces glowed yellow as they fell.

UFO ACTIVITY INCREASING AROUND THE WORLD: Reports are coming in from Europe, South America, Australia and the US of a moderate increase in activity despite solar storms.

CARL SAGAN WAS AN EARLY BELIEVER IN ET

In 1962, I had a sighting of a large UFO over England, so I attempted to read books that supported my beliefs in the likelihood of extraterrestrial life. A few years later in 1966, Carl Sagan co-authored an exciting book called *Intelligent Life in the Universe* with Russian astronomer I. S. Shklovskii. It provides extraordinary evidence and surprising scientific arguments for extraterrestrial life. Later his statements were more pessimistic, and may have reflected his desire to be politically accepted in the scientific community. Mutual friends have assured me that he felt there was life on Mars, and the whole universe may be teaming with it. Sagan discussed the amazing evidence in Sumerian writing claiming that extraterrestrial intelligence came to Earth and provided advanced education to mankind. The following quotes from Sagan and Shklovskii are pertinent now that water and possible life have been found on Mars:

"With the numbers we have discussed, it seems possible that the Earth has been visited by various Galactic civilizations many times (possibly 10 [every 10,000 years], during geological time.) It is not out of the question that artifacts of these visits still exist--although none have been found to date--or even that some kind of base is maintained within the solar system to provide continuity for successive expeditions. Because of weathering and the possibility of detection and interference by the inhabitants of the Earth, it might have appeared preferable not to erect such a base on the Earth's surface."

The Moon seems one reasonable alternative site for a base. Forthcoming high-resolution photographic reconnaissance of the Moon from space vehicles--particularly, of the back side--might bear these possibilities in mind. Agrest has independently made a similar conjecture, as has the Anglo-Ceylonese science writer, Arthur C. Clarke. The cosmic visitors would probably reason that by the time man had developed the technology to explore the far side of the Moon, he would also have attained a certain limited degree of advancement and might be called civilized. Contact with such a base would, of course, provide the most direct check on the possibility of fairly frequent interstellar spaceflight. The rate of technical advance of our civilization is very great. It is possible that an extraterrestrial society or federation of such societies might want to contact an emerging technical civilization as soon as possible, perhaps to head off a nuclear annihilation - one possible consequence of intensive technological development-or perhaps for other reasons. Intelligent Life in the Universe.

Former Iberia Airline Pilot Reveals Amazing UFO Encounter

By Environmental News Network staff

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/NATURE/06/26/living.fossils.cnn/index.html>
 6-26-00

"I'm 65 years old and flew for 40 years in the Air Force and then for Iberia. I now run a piloting school. I was born in Madrid, my father was a general in the Air Force. The day I saw a UFO from my aircraft I wasn't able to sleep. I haven't stopped thinking about it all this time. I've just completed [my book] *"Destino Cielo"* about all my years of piloting and my UFO Encounter"

--Juan Lorenzo Torres: "It was on a collision course."

The son of an Air Force general, a combat pilot over the Sahara, companion in arms of the King (I see him, with his wife in several photos sharing a meal with Their Majesties), an Iberia pilot, director of an aviation academy...It could not have been easy for this military man to wax eloquent on the "UFO subject" as he calls it. It must be equally embarrassing for his former comrades to discuss Juan's calm "wackiness" as he declassifies documents and recalls distant lights. However, I've enjoyed more his memoirs about the Sahara and the Spanish occupation, his obedient "little moors" and his dandruff-covered camels than dizzying myself with the pages of the UFO universe.

--Luis Amiguet

CORNISHMAN, Penzance, England - Aug. 31, 2000

UFO sighting reported

by Maurice Stevens
 Staff Reporter

A UFO has reportedly been spotted in the skies over West Cornwall.

A Hayle mother and daughter, sitting on a bench by the harbour in Penzance, claim to have seen a 'very fast moving light' in the southern sky.

The light - said to be a brilliant white - moved right over the top of

the witnesses heading for St Michael's Mount.

The mystery sighting has been reported to the Truro-based Cornwall UFO Research Group, which is now appealing for other witnesses to come forward.

It believes the report is 'quite genuine' and hopes others might have photographed it or captured it on a camcorder.

Said CUFORG's Dave Gillham: "As the light reached the mount it

stopped and hovered over the mount for about 15 minutes."

The couple were then joined by a holidaymaker and used their pair of binoculars to focus on the strange object.

"They noticed there was a round object in the light. Disk shaped, the round object was oscillating and seemed to be a silver colour."

After a short while, the light/object moved slowly off out to sea and eventually out of sight.

At around the same time, and from

the opposite direction, a passenger jet came into view and flew over the area towards Land's End and the Atlantic Ocean, headed.

CUFORG (01872 276381) receives and investigates up to 20 UFO reports every year from all over the county. The last report from Penwith was three months ago - a star-like object over skies near Marazion.

Added Mr Gillham: "Things have been quiet for the last year, but sightings seem to be picking up again."

USAF Fighter Plane Disappears In 1953

From Cliff Rowe <husa@evl.net>
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The following UFO Radio program was taped on May 22, 1975 by Cliff Rowe who recorded many hours of these UFO programs broadcast during the 1970s.

The 'In Search Of UFOs' program originated from radio station KTRH 740 AM, in Houston, Texas. The Host of the program was Frank Haley. The following is a general synopsis of the content audio cassette Tape #26a follows:

The following case is one Sergeant Dargie Investigated when he was still in the USAF. *** This an amazing now classified Air Force case of a disappearing F94C fighter interceptor plane in June, 1953 near Cape Cod Mass. at Otis AFB. The F94C two seated fighter plane had some kind of secret gear aboard but he did not know what kind of secret gear was aboard the plane. A USAF Pilot, Sergeant Barkoff, took off from the runway, in late evening just past dusk, and at about 1500 ft altitude, all electrical systems went out on the fighter plane.

The pilot tried to keep control of the plane to keep it from stalling. A command was given from the ground for the pilot to eject. At 600 ft from the ground he ejected the cockpit canopy as the plane was traveling at 185 mph with a pitch of 75 degrees nose down and seconds from crashing to the ground. The plane never impacted the ground or exploded. It simply disappeared. No wreckage was ever found except the cockpit canopy

Clarence Dargie was a former member of the UFOSG until he moved to Florida.
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which was found in a field. The plane was too far inland to crash into the bay waters, never the less, they dredged the bay area thinking it might have somehow crashed in the bay. No wreckage or oil slick was ever found. The official Conclusion by the Air Force was simply a disappearing Aircraft. This report was never reported to the public and is now under classification. --Another incidence of this kind happened at another base 5 months later.

At the time Clarence Dargie(sp?) was investigating this case. it was not classified when he was investigating, but classified at later date. A second (2nd) missing plane report happened about 5 months later in Ken Ross, Michigan where radar observed large UFO and aircraft was scrambled to give chase. The radar showed UFO speed at 2000 mph and then the blip on radar disappeared. The scrambled aircraft was never seen again, not even wreckage. A search was made thinking the aircraft might have crashed into the UFO. There was never a trace of the aircraft or debris and aircraft was never found, it simply disappeared.

Another strange case about a piece of disk shaped metal, resembling a manhole cover was found by some workers in a field. When they touched it, it fell apart and decentigrated. About 35 minutes later another one of these objects crashed into a lady's car. It was collected and sent to FBI lab for analysis. It was 5% iron and 95% Aluminum. This was an unusual mixture at that time.

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Brazil, 1957 a similar object with some smaller ones with it, flew around a beach area and was witnessed by 122 people, then a large object crashed and the smaller ones flew away and disappeared. The object was sent to a lab and found to be Magnesium.

A complete tape interview of this program is available for free except for the shipping and handling charge of \$5.95 per tape or floppy disk within the USA.

You Can't Tell The People

The Definitive Account Of The Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery

By Georgina Bruni

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*"UFOs? You must get your facts right, and
you can't tell the people."*

- Margaret Thatcher to Georgina Bruni, May 21, 1997

Certain members of the UFO community have argued that I have been too secretive about my findings on this case. However, there have been very good reasons for my silence. This investigation has taken a great deal of time and effort, but it has rewarded me with an enormous amount of valuable data. Because of the complexity of this case that data can only be published in its entirety, which is what I have done in "You Can't Tell The People."

The incident, which took place during Christmas week 1980 on the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge, then leased to the USAF, has gone down in history as Britain's most famous UFO incident. Over the years a handful of American military witnesses have come forward to give their account and this has certainly shed some light on what occurred but, and they will admit this themselves, that although they were witnesses, they only have a piece

of the giant puzzle that is Rendlesham.

Remarkable evidence, such as Lt Colonel Halt's famous memorandum to the Ministry of Defence, and his audio recording taken in the forest during his personal experience of the incident, have been in the public domain for many years and these have been accepted for what they are. But this casebook reveals the amazing facts behind the memorandum and adds vital new information concerning Halt's tape recording. It also takes issue with other documents pertaining to the case that have never been investigated, as well featuring an interesting exchange of correspondence between prominent British establishment figures.

Apart from re-examining the testimonies of witnesses that have already gone public, other important witnesses, military and civilian, speak out for the first time, explaining why they have kept silent for so long. Their evidence is revealing and astonishing and adds greatly to the authenticity of the case.

The casebook also presents comments from British political figures and interviews with several key players, many of which have never gone on record until now. This includes a former USAF general, several former USAF commanders, and a former deputy commander of the AFOSI, a former British RAF officer, British police officers, Ministry of Defence employees and RAF personnel. It also reveals those who were called upon to investigate the incident and how their reports were never made available.

Until now there has never been a full investigation of this case and that is not meant as a criticism to those who tried to get answers in the early days. In fact I was surprised to discover just how much data these British and American researchers had individually collected and, I am grateful that they kindly opened their files to assist with my investigation; and it should be noted that much of this information is being published for the first time.

Because the true facts of the case have never emerged, many hours have been spent debating theories such as the UFO being nothing more than the beam from a nearby lighthouse station and/or stars - or rabbit holes as being the cause of the indentations in the forest floor that the witnesses claim were from the landing legs of the UFO. However, I have not based my findings on witness testimony alone, but have sought whenever possible to take their information and investigate it further, which has produced some very interesting results, including photographic evidence.

I am confident that whoever reads 'You Can't Tell The People' will find it a valuable casebook that will answer many of the questions often posed regarding this incident, and I would go as far as to say that approximately 80% of the information has never been made public before. This of course has only been made possible thanks to everyone who has contributed to this investigation, and it goes without saying that they have been generously credited.

This December marks the twentieth anniversary of the Rendlesham Forest incident - a time to spare a thought for those who were involved in these unusual events. Due to the harsh treatment metered out by those who wanted to silence them, coupled with the debunking tactics, the witnesses and their case has not had a fair hearing that is until now. 'You Can't Tell The People' takes a stand against the silencers and tells the people not only what happened in Rendlesham Forest in 1980, but also reports on the aftermath and the lengths that were taken to keep the people from learning the truth.

It is time to tell the people the truth about the Rendlesham Forest incident.

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Sightings Increase: Huge UFO Attempts Landing In Illinois - Big One Seen In Texas

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UFO ACTIVITY INCREASING AROUND THE WORLD: Reports are coming in from Europe, South America, Australia and the US of a moderate increase in activity despite solar storms.

ILLINOIS HUGE CRAFT ATTEMPTS TO LAND

DOWNERS GROVE - Beth Skerrett sent an e-mail stating, "I am writing to you about an occurrence outside our corporate building where I am the admin for the management office. Everything I have to say in second hand, I have not seen anything myself but, at about 8:00 PM on July 12, 2000, the security guard of our sister building called the security guard of my building and asked, "What are all those lights about?" The sister building is north of us, and the lights were apparently to the south of the building. The guard went out to the south parking lot and saw "a huge object that was trying to land in the parking lot". He said, "It was as long as eight buses, and almost as high." He said it was a dark silver/blue with a goldish strip across it, and underneath looked concave. He said, "The UFO hovered over the parking lot for almost a minute without making any sound." At that time some of our tenants came out because this object was right outside their window. Even the entire cleaning crew saw it as well. Then he said, "The object, this 'silver ball', shot up into the air and off to the west moving so fast it was hard to track." It appeared to pause over the town of Aurora, about 15 miles away for several seconds before departing. What is odd is that none of the tenants will talk, report to the police or the news media. I wonder how many things like this happen, and people just see it, and then go on their way? Thanks to Beth Skerrett beth_anne99@hotmail.com

Editor's note: We figure we are lucky to obtain 10% of the sighting reports. By coincidence I spent part of last week in Downers Grove with a beautiful view of the area, and did not see a thing. Flying home to New Jersey, I had a red UFO flying formation with us, I'm sorry to report it was a star hiding in and out of the clouds making it look like I had company.

TEXAS UFO AS BIG AS FOOTBALL FIELD

GRAHAM, YOUNG COUNTY - A friend and co-worker had a sighting northwest of Fort Worth on Thursday, July 13, 2000, at 10:28 PM. His name is Jerry Fox and he is a Corrections Officer. Both he and his wife were witness to a very large UFO hovering about 2000 feet off the ground northeast of their home. He said that he was laying on the couch watching TV when he became aware of light filling his living room. He called to his wife to go outside with him. They observed white lights, perfectly round with half-moons on the side, which would indicate that the object was round in shape. The size was as big as a football field. He jumped in his car to get a closer look, but about that time, it vanished. The next day, Jerry was visibly shaken. It had been only the day before that we had been discussing UFOs and he was clearly a skeptic, giving me sideways glances when I mentioned that I had seen several of them in years' past. Thanks to Donna J. Bullock djb0898@wf.net (Donna B.)

COLORADO LONG YELLOW CYLINDER

THORNTON - I was out having a cigarette break at work on July 6, 2000. Noticing the colors at the beginning of the sunset around 8:30 PM, I noticed a bright yellow, almost white object coming out of the western sky. Knowing that this was probably the reflection of the sun on an east bound jet. It was partially cloudy, but mostly clear sky. What began to seem strange to me, was that NONE of the other passenger jets were "reflecting" the sunset. When I took a closer look this object did not have any wings visible. It traveled east in a straight line but at a slightly slower speed than the other jets who appeared to be passing it headed for Denver. All through this time, no wings were seen at all. There was no variance in the color. It maintained a bright yellow, almost white "glow". As it passed over head, I still did not see any wings, and it made no noise as it passed above the traffic on I-25 to my west. This was when I saw that the middle of the cylinder was narrower than the ends, as if it was two cylinders, that had a "docking area" that met in the middle. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

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WASHINGTON, DC DANCING METALLIC BALLS

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL -- On September 29, 2000, high in the sky over the Mall while facing the Capitol Building I saw what I first thought was a metallic airplane reflecting light. At 4:35 PM there were no clouds in the sky and flying high was an object that looked like a little ball. It was moving in a straight line, much like an airplane would. Then, I noticed another one, the same size and description was flying towards the first object. I thought maybe they were planes flying at different altitudes, because it looked as though they were going to have a head-on collision. I became anxious as I thought I was going to watch a midair collision, but just as they were going to crash, they VERY QUICKLY (much faster than an airplane ever could) spun off in opposite circular directions. They danced around each other in circles, occasionally disappearing then reappearing. The most I saw at one time were 4. Then, an actual airplane passed through my area of vision (flying much lower than the objects) and as it did, the objects disappeared totally. After the plane had been left for about a minute, one UFO reappeared and continued to dance around, and another one appeared. Sometimes there were two. During the course of this, I stood up to observe, and sat down, and laid back down, just to make sure I wasn't contorting my body in a way that was effecting my vision. But, these objects were clearly in focus. Finally, I decided I had seen enough and wanted to leave. I NEVER thought I would ever see anything like this. There was no other explanation for what I saw today. Two minutes later, I developed a very bad inner ear ache that lasted about a half hour. I don't know if its related, but just thought I'd mention it. Thanks to NUFORC www.ufoctr.com

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Directors Report

BACK TO THE BASICS

By William I. McNeff

In the alphabet soup that is floating around in our culture these days, one acronym is FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). Now that I am retired, I often get questions to the effect of "What are you doing with your time?" This is a perfect lead-in for me to tell them that I have a music hobby and also am pursuing my interest in UFOs, in fact, I am State Director of the Minnesota chapter of MUFON, the largest private international UFO research organization. This immediately leads to more questions; for example, one of my wife's friends asked FAQ#1: "Is anyone in your group willing to say what UFOs are?" I told her that some UFOs are misidentified common things, but there is evidence that some are craft under intelligent control, most probably from some place outside earth. A more complete answer would be that from a scientific standpoint, that question can't be answered yet. We would need a craft to land (say, on the proverbial White House lawn), analyze it, and verify that it has isotopes or materials or technologies that can't be produced here on earth. (That may have been done already.) But most of us don't try for scientific certainty in our daily lives; we may marry a person that we can't be sure will be a good spouse; we take jobs that may or may not turn out to be what we had hoped, etc. In other words, we take a practical approach. Personally, I take an "engineering approach", which is a form of the practical approach, making use of all the scientific principles that can be used given the time allotted for the task. It's good enough for government work, which I have done a lot of (at Univac, Honeywell, Mayo and General Dynamics).

For example, if John Doe, of generally honest reputation, says he saw a strange craft fly over on such and such a day, and describes it, and thousands of other citizens describe similar and in some cases, identical craft, and some of them photograph and videotape them and catch them on radar, we can be practically certain that such craft are flying around. And since they performed maneuvers decades ago that even today our own craft cannot duplicate, we can be practically certain they did not originate here on earth; they are alien. This is the "engineering approach". This was the approach taken by our military during the late 1940s even before the Kenneth Arnold sighting. There is documentation that they were already aware of the "Foo-Fighters", the "ghost rockets", and flying disk reports from members of the military, and evidence they were primed to respond to reports that might indicate a crash of one of these craft, as at Roswell.

FAQ#2: My friend Jon, whose wife was a member of NICAP until its demise, has discussed UFOs with me a few times. He asked me, "If UFOs are really alien craft, why doesn't the government tell us about them?" First of all, the government is notorious for keeping secrets past the time when there is any logical reason for doing so. Part of the reason is that the secrets must be reviewed for declassification, a long and arduous process, and everybody and his government dog must sign off on the release. A second reason, surely the most important, is that crashed alien craft most probably contain technology beyond our wildest dreams, technology which if assimilated could

assure the security of our country against any earthly enemy (and maybe some unearthly ones). Most assuredly, this is the way the military and the government view it, and rightfully want to keep that technology secret. So, why can't they tell us about the aliens, and keep the technology secret? They could, but what would they tell us? If they are as ignorant of the purposes of the aliens as many of us suspect, but are honest, they would have to tell us, "Alien craft are flying about our skies, and aliens are interacting with our populace, but we don't know what their purposes are. We don't know whether they are hostile, want to take over the earth, or help us." They probably fear that some percentage of the population would irrationally buy automatic weapons, supplies of food and water, and head for the hills and the caves. This could produce a significant disruption of our society. So, I'm betting that they are holding off an announcement until most of us who care about such things are aware that alien craft are here, and are not up to anything horrendous.

FAQ#3: "Could the UFO aliens be hostile to humans?" This is hard to answer with certainty. But my conclusion is most probably not. First of all, there have been upwards of 50 different alien types reported, and that may be on the conservative side. If some of them had hostile intent, we might expect the others to keep them in line. Furthermore, there is evidence aliens have been visiting earth for hundreds and probably thousands of years. If any of them had hostile intent, we should have noticed it by now! The alleged alien abductions of humans are not good evidence of hostility; we still don't know what the motives for this might be. Their motives could be to preserve human DNA against possible (or known) future catastrophe; to solve reproductive or genetic problems of their own; to prepare "hybrid" beings to assist them with future contacts, or all of the above. According to some (Col. Philip Corso for example), we have developed technology that can counter alien technology. Surely a nuclear weapon could annihilate an alien craft (although the aliens might be able to keep it from firing). If aliens wanted to take over our good earth, they would logically have done it by now. Forgedaboutit!

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THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

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Darwin, Northern Territory - October 14, 1959

Australian Saucer Record (Australian Flying Saucer Research Society)

A mysterious object which travels at tremendous speeds has been sighted three times hovering above Darwin Harbour. It has been described as "a long, black shallow object about 90 feet long". A Darwin guest house proprietor, Mr Alan Carter, has seen the object twice and reported it to the Navy. He said today that he had seen the object travelling close to the surface of the water in the harbour. He estimated its speed at 80 to 100 miles per hour.

Gilroy, California - July 28, 1967

The U.F.O. Investigator (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena)

At 9.30 p.m. California Division of Forestry employee Randy Higgins was at his fire lookout tower in Pacheco Pass near Gilroy when he saw an oval-shaped, blue-white light coming towards him. The UFO had a dark band around the middle, a bright white light on top and its overall surface appeared porous, "like a sponge".

As the object continued its approach it stopped, hovered, then came closer. It turned, passed by the tower to the east, then stopped and hovered again using a blue-white light to illuminate the ground directly below. After this the UFO circled the tower and emitted a variable pitch whining noise. Higgins noted that the sound actually came through his citizen's band radio, causing loud interference with his attempts to transmit. When the UFO had completed circling the tower it accelerated to "about slow jet speed and headed toward Mt. Hamilton leaving a trail similar to a comet behind it".

Camarillo, California - January 13, 1968

The UFORC Journal (U.F.O. Research Committee)

The Universal Movie Corporation, while filming "A Man Called Cannon" on location, accidentally made what may well be the first filming by professionals of a UFO in flight. When Director James Goldstone and his staff reviewed the "take" of the day's filming they were amazed to see the UFO appearing on the Technicolor film, sweep across the screen from the right side, go behind the head of actor Tony Franciosa and reappear on the left side of the screen, finally going "off camera".

Mr Goldstone said the sky was unusually clear, being absolutely cloudless. "Moreover," Mr Goldstone said, "prevailing visibility was unlimited". The filmed evidence was verified by the entire crew and these professionals further stated that there were no defects or processing residue in or on the film.

The UFO was either not seen or not noticed by the witnesses during the actual filming of the scene but showed up on the film after it was processed. The scene in question was a close-up of Franciosa which demanded, prior to "shooting", freedom from visual and/or auditory distractions. The film was turned over to Project Blue Book for intensive study but, to date, no reports have been received from this government agency, nor have any details concerning the UFO been given to the public by Mr Goldstone or his staff.

Suspected UFO Landing Near Mildura, Victoria, Australia

On September 25, 1976, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Bert White, aged about 65 and 55, Kim Williamson, a policeman's son and Joe Schiripa, a farmer's son, both 18 years of age were travelling along a graded back road toward Mildura from Karrawinna, a small town in Victoria.

As they rounded a turn in the road they saw on their left what at first they thought to be the rear and brake lights of a spot shooter's car (Kangaroo Hunters). The red lights then began to flash and the object began to rise above the ground.

Mr. White then stopped the car and rolled down the window. Three of the witnesses could hear no sound. Mrs. White said that she heard a low humming noise. The people estimated the object to be about 400 yards away from the road in a paddock which had previously been planted in wheat but had been laying at rest for about one year.

The object rose at about the speed of a helicopter. It hovered a few feet above the ground then began to rise again, crossed the road to their right while rising, hovered twice more in the process. At about a 75° angle the lights went out as if cut off by a switch. The estimated time of sighting was 5 minutes.

On September 28th, three of the witnesses, together with the property owner, Mr. Boulton, and six other people returned to the spot where the object had been seen on or near the ground and found a circle of depressed and discolored stubble. There were no car tracks in vicinity of the circle. The ground was hard baked at that time due to lack of rain.

The observers delayed to report the incident because of fear of ridicule until Mrs. White decided it should be reported. She then contacted Senior Constable Roy Fletcher at Warrimul, a small town in that area. The policeman who was acquainted with all four witnesses said that he realized the

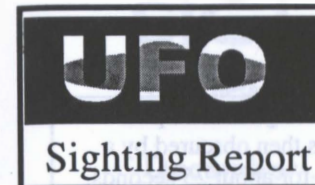
people were not telling a false story and notified the press.

When the news appeared in the Melbourne Sun on Sept. 29, Judith Magee and Paul Norman drove to Mildura, after assurance of the people to cooperate. The surrounding area was panned with a super 8 movie camera and several photos of discolored circle were taken. The circle was found to be 71 feet in diameter. Samples were taken from center, perimeter and outside the circle. A scientist at a local university could not find any difference in the samples. No radiation was indicated. Ants at the site were noted a few days later to be avoiding the circle. When ants were disturbed, they scattered in all directions except the spot. They would not crawl over the patch.

The vicinity is sparsely settled with several miles to the nearest town or house. The residents of Mildura and surrounding towns were aroused by many sightings in north-west Victoria together with the RAAF explanation of space junk. People came as far as 90 miles away to attend a UFO lecture after which more sightings came to light including car pace cases. All took place at night with no physical evidence.

Since the heavy rains over the past several days the grass is now growing freely outside the patch but stunted inside the circle. Cattle are now in the paddock and it has been suggested that they be driven to the spot to check their reaction next time the witnesses visit the area.

This report was submitted by a NICAP member, Mr. Paul Norman of Victoria, Australia.



Lake William Hovell December 31, 2000

By James Owen

This sighting took place approximately 20 kilometres south of a small township known as WHITFIELD in North East Victoria and approximately 1hr from Wangaratta. The lake is a popular fishing and recreational area used by locals and tourists alike. The lake is situated in the Alpine National Park.

It is a mountainous area and heavily wooded. To travel to areas around the lake other than the foreshore you require a 4-wheel drive or boat. The area is extremely rugged.

This sighting occurred at 1515 hrs on Sunday the 31st of December 2000 and was observed over a period of 3 to 4 hours. The sighting involved 5 witnesses and all locals and residing in the area. It was observed in the North and last seen in the west. The difference is that this object was observed in bright daylight and a very sunny day with the temperatures verging on 38 to 40 degrees centigrade with no cloud cover or wind.

The object was observed with the naked eye and binoculars. The moon was up and this object was observed below and slightly off set to the moon. It traveled across the sky and followed the axis of the moon neither changing shape, size nor position. The size of the object has been amended from a five-cent coin to a one-cent coin held at arms length. The witnesses were unable to discern a shape but described it as a bright silver metallic object with an extremely bright aura around it. One witness due to its brightness first observed it and all the other witnesses were called to see it.

The witnesses never observed any aircraft in the area and stated that they remained calm. They checked the area the following day and observed

the moon in a different location. They were unable to observe anything similar as to the previous day, even though the conditions were identical.

Further discussions revealed that they believed the object was within the atmosphere and was actually reflecting the sunlight, as it was similar to a jet aircraft that traveled over the area. As stated it was much larger than and aircraft. They also stated that over the years they have observed balloons, hang gliders and other aircraft used for recreational and government purposes, but nothing has been similar to the object observed.

I have no doubt that they observed something out of the ordinary. My inquiries with local authorities, other government authorities have failed to reveal an explanation.

I have checked the positions of planets and have found that the only planet in the vicinity of the moon on that day was Venus. Venus would have the magnitude to be observed during daylight hours with specific conditions.

Due to the weather conditions, I am of the opinion that Venus would not have been visible on that day and the description of the object did not fit this scenario.

At this point or investigations are continuing but at this point this sighting must remain unidentified.

James OWEN

Australian Sighting Reports

19 February 2001 Meadow Heights Vic. 11.30 pm - 11.35 approx.	Bright white stationary white light appeared as a bright star or planet. The object was visible for about 20 seconds, was then obscured by a cloud for about 25 seconds, then became visible for about 25 seconds, then was seen again in exactly the same location as before for about another 40 seconds before being hidden by the cloud again. While it was behind the cloud for the second time, witness went into the house to get his camera. On returning outside, he waited for the cloud to move from the area of the unidentified light, but when it cleared, the light could not be seen. He checked the area of the sky with his binoculars, which are 20x65 field 30, but there was no sign of it. On checking rising and setting times of the planets, published in the paper, he found that none of these was in the location of the light at that time.
20 February 2001 Coleambally Station. 10.10 pm 45 km West of Coleambally.N.S.W.	Witness - a kangaroo shooter for 27 years, who constantly watched the skies at night. This is his second report made to VUFORS. On the above date, observed two objects, one about half the size of a match head and the larger one about the size of a 5c piece. The objects flew toward the east, one behind the other before fading from view. He said one of the objects photographed from the Solomon Islands and published in our March 2000 Edition was exactly like the one that he saw.
16 April 2001 Dandenong, Vic. 10.15 pm	An observer watched a round light, orange/red doing a very slow pass from south to southeast. Apparent size of a 5c piece. It rose from a low to a high level in the sky.
6 July 2000 Maffra Victoria. 8 pm.	First witness phoned a neighbour that a round orange/red object was outside. The second witness extinguished house lights, turned off TV, went outside and observed the object to the North. It looked to be just above the nearby hills, about a 45 degree angle above the horizon. It flew from West to East with slight variation. It flew past all stars clearly visible in the cloudless sky.
7 July 2000 Knowsley Vic, 10.35 pm	Witness observed a round light trailing 2 thin long lines from West to East. The two lines were similar to short silver vapour trails. What was strange about this was , the light became two lights, then one again - all within eight seconds.

in Lucius Farnish's Press Clipping Service -latest edition - We read that Desmond Leslie, who wrote 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' passed away at the age of 79 years of age

SIGHTINGS Queensland

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Country sighting 12.11.2000

A man was driving in the country and saw what looked like an aircraft floating in the air. He got out of the car and walked to the edge of the object which appeared like a flat piece of paper and disappeared.

Bankstown NSW. late 1960s

The witness remembers a sighting which he witnessed with 8 other children at Milperra. They were at a BBQ on semi-rural land and it was after midnight. The object was reported in the media and had left a huge mark on the Bankstown golf course about half a mile away. He did not see this mark (a circle of flattened grass) but saw a photo of it. The object changed size in an instant while being observed by him.

Victoria Point Fri 24.11.00 9.15pm to 10pm

An orange ball was observed from Victoria Point as the witness was looking over Moreton Bay towards Stradbroke Island. It was not high up and just smaller than half the size of the moon. It was observed for just over one minute not travelling very fast. No sound was heard.

Between Bathurst and Oberon Friday 24.11.00 9.30pm to 9.45pm

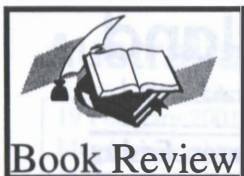
A man was watching a plane when he observed a light travelling in the opposite direction. He looked in his binoculars and saw a disk with 8 nodules on the bottom. It was brightly lit and looked yellowish-grey. It was about the same size as a star and moving faster than a plane. It disappeared behind a cloud.

Everton Hills Sunday 26.11.00 9.25pm

A woman hanging out the washing observed a bright light flashing intermittently in the western sky at about 60 degrees elevation. The light flashed about 4 times and then nothing more was visible. The flashes were as bright as strobe lights and lasted about one second. It was 5 to 6 seconds between flashes. After really bright flashes there were 2 dim ones and then nothing further was seen. The flashes seemed to emanate from the same place in the sky and were bright white. There was no moonlight and the sky was clear. The flashes stood out against the starry background.

Runcorn Friday 1.12.00 10pm

A yellow light was observed to the South West at an elevation of approximately 45 degrees and moving slowly behind patches of cloud. The light appeared as big as the full moon when seen in clear sky and appeared bigger than a plane. When behind clouds the object looked smaller. It was lost behind clouds and when the sky cleared the light was gone. The light was seen for about one minute before clouds obstructed it and it was circular in shape.



Unearthly Disclosure by Timothy Good

Forwarded by Admiral of the Fleet The Lord HILL-NORTON GCB Chief of Defence Staff 1971 – 73, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee 1974-77

Many may know or have read books written by Timothy GOOD. Books such as Beyond Top Secret, Alien Liaison and Alien Update to name a few. Having read the above, I appreciated the intensity that this author approached the controversial aspects of the UFO phenomena. It was with an interest that I approached UNEARTHLY DISCLOSURE expecting and knowing that I would receive not only a good or should I say a great read, but an exciting approach to the subject. On many occasions when reading a UFO book, you expect the same style, nothing new, and you ask, What is going to be outstanding with this publication. There are many great authors, Investigators and Researchers that delve into the realms with success.

I find that you must not only read a book and believe, but you must analyze, dissect and read openly to obtain the truth. With all of GOOD's publications, I have found an intensity and excitement in the direction that is being taken.

This is just not a story of UFO encounters and visitations, it moves further into the feelings and beliefs of those involved. His evidence is researched and is corroborated with witnesses and his own follow up inquiries. GOOD has the expertise to research the unbelievable and obtain an outcome that seems to be leading us in a new direction.

The forward by LORD HILL –NORTON shows the respect and belief that this highly respected gentleman has in Timothy GOOD and his belief that he is leading the UFO community in the right direction.

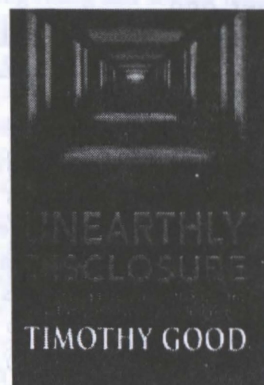
GOOD investigates Alien Bases, Contacts, Abductions, Animal mutilations and importantly Government Paranoia along with many other interesting and exciting cases. He examines the capture and examination of Alien creatures confirmed by the Military Authorities involved. Photographs of an Alien creature by Filiberto Caponi in Italy are released for the first time in this compelling story. GOOD spent many years investigating this report and involved an Expert witness, but make up your own mind, is it authentic or just a hoax.

GOOD spends time in the area of Puerto Rico, speaks and investigates what could be teleportation of a British Airways Captain.

Throughout this enthralling publication, you will find an excitement that maybe, just maybe, the truth can and will be revealed. I have mentioned just a few of the reports and investigations and to read this book will compel you to examine your beliefs and ultimately it is your decision. Is this book revealing the ultimate evidence, is it time to release the truth that is being concealed.

For me, this book was not a disappointment and GOOD continued to produce the information that we all desire. This is a book enthralls and captivates the reader, GREAT READ

James OWEN



Flight Crew Sighting in Florida

From: The APRO Bulletin, January-February 1974

The Tallahassee FAA tower notified a Southern DC9 aircrew on November 12, 1973, that a UFO was under observation by tower personnel. Captain R.C. Cook and crew were deplaning passengers and unloading cargo from Charter Flight 730 when a Tallahassee FAA employee told them that the tower had seen a UFO pass over the city doing about 2,000 miles per hour at an altitude of 3,000 feet. Ten minutes later when the plane taxied out to Runway 36 with a clearance for their ferry flight to Atlanta, Georgia, Cook asked the tower if the object was still in sight and was told that there was still visual contact and the object was southwest of the field and low over the trees. Cook asked for clearance for a left turn to 240 degrees heading after take-off. Just after completing the turn they said they sighted a round, glowing object low on the horizon and climbing away from them.

The object involved was a spherical, glowing light which was pulsating from very bright to quite dim but always visible. The color would change from bright red to white with occasional light yellow or green flashes. Cook estimated his distance from the object to be about 15 miles, which remained constant during the entire sighting.

Flight 730 continued its run into the southwest, climbing to the assigned altitude of 20,000 feet, keeping the object in sight. At this point Jacksonville Center asked Cook to contact the Tyndall Approach Control as they also had visual contact with the object but would not verify radar contact.

Object Observed by Pilots Over Norway

From: The APRO Bulletin, May-June 1969

Three SAS crews in three different aircraft reported observing a ball-shaped luminous object that divided itself into two parts at 5:05 a.m. on November 1, 1968. The observation, which included ground observers, took place in Middle Norway when maneuvers were being held at Henningvatnet. All observers described the object as huge and bright, coming out of the southeast and proceeding into the northwest. It sent out brilliant beams of light in several directions, then suddenly appeared to explode "into an ocean of light," while a smaller object appeared to separate from the main object. Both of the objects continued into the northwest where they disappeared behind clouds. The total time of the observation was five minutes.

Disc Seen at Brasilia

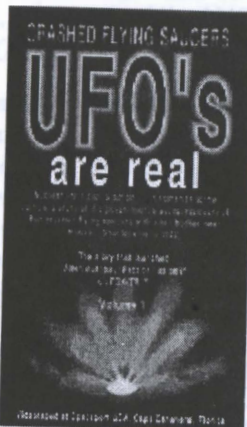
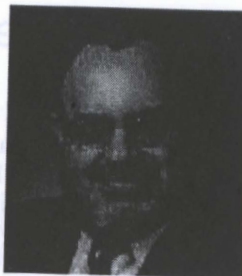
From: The APRO Bulletin, November-December 1968

The fabulous island capital of Brazil reported one of the typical discs over that city on November 8, 1968. Several residents of the suburb Taguatinga reported seeing an object that was round and looked "like two overlapping plates" which flew over the army radio control tower and the city's water reservoir. The bottom "plate" they said, was rotating rapidly and was lit by a twinkling red and green light. When first seen the object was hovering over the Army radio station, then it circled the town a couple of times and took off at great speed.

Stanton Friedman

VUFORS has been given the opportunity of supplying the following Stanton Friedman videos and merchandise to our members at very attractive prices.

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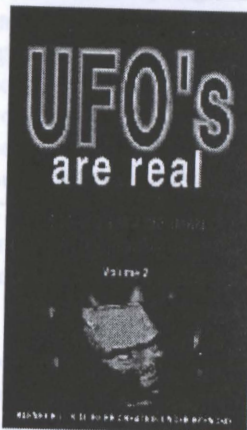


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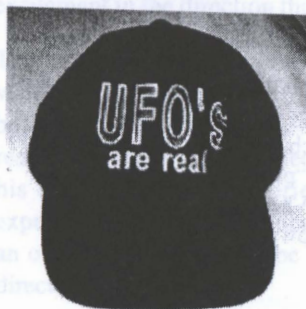


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Society News

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(03) 9506 7080

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We will have an extensive range of second-hand books and magazines on sale at marked prices. This is the best selection we have had for several years. Some of the books are rarities and were not displayed at the December discussion evening.

Also on sale will be several back issues of *The Australian UFO Bulletin* at \$ 4.00 per copy.

We regret the congestion at the March discussion evening. The Lecture Room had been closed for renovations and we had not been notified in advance - a most unsatisfactory situation. We have been assured by the Royal Society that the Lecture Room will be available on June 4, so arrangements should be back to normal.



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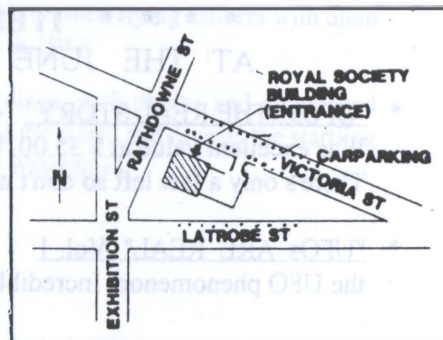
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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